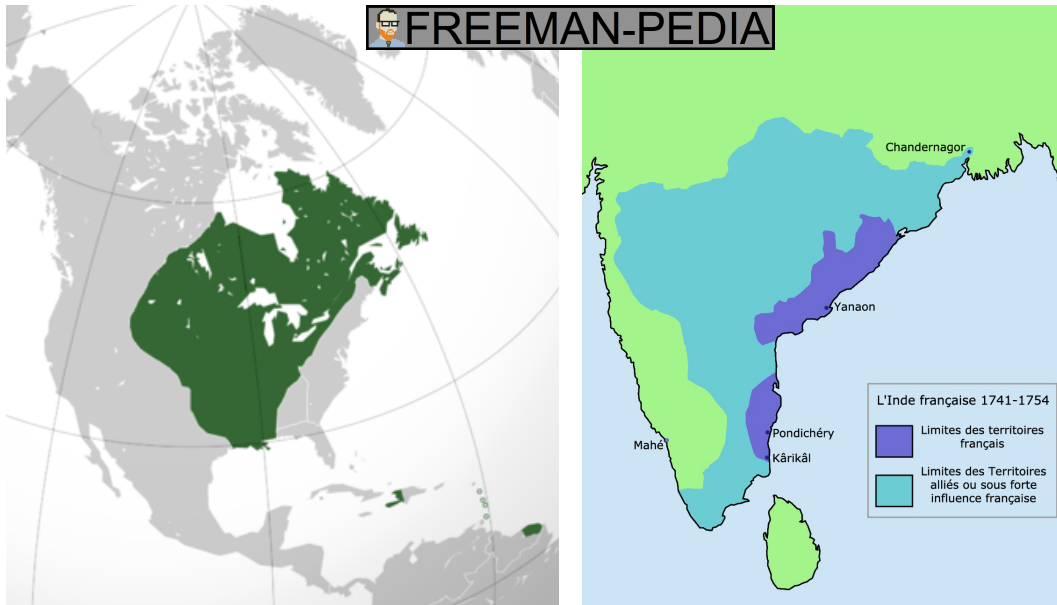


FRENCH EMPIRE

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FRANCE HAD A MUCH SMALLER EMPIRE IN THIS ERA THAN THEY WILL IN THE NEXT ERA AS THEY RANKED A DISTANT FOURTH IN COLONIZATION AND THIRD IN TRADING COMPANIES. ABOVE ARE THEIR AMERICAN AND INDIAN TERRITORIES.

EARLY MODERN (1450 CE-1750 CE)

GLOBAL INTERACTIONS

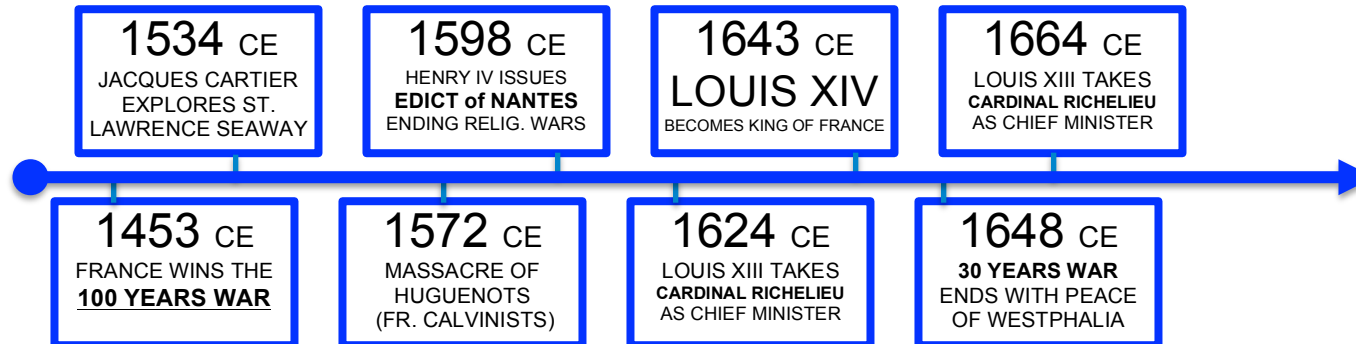
APPEARANCES IN THE AP CURRICULUM:

- **European technological developments** in cartography and navigation built on previous knowledge developed in the classical, Islamic, and Asian worlds, and included the production of **new tools** (*astrolabe, new maps*), innovations in **ship designs** (*caravels*), and an improved **understanding of global wind and currents patterns** — all of which made transoceanic travel and trade possible.
- Remarkable new **transoceanic maritime reconnaissance** occurred in this period.
- Influenced by **mercantilism**, joint-stock companies were new methods used by European rulers to control their domestic and colonial economies and by European merchants to compete against one another in global trade.
- **Slavery** in Africa continued both the traditional incorporation of slaves into households and the export of slaves to the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean.
- The growth of the **plantation economy** increased the **demand for slaves** in the Americas.
- **Europeans established new trading-post empires in Africa and Asia**, which proved profitable for the rulers and merchants involved in new global trade networks, but these empires also affected the power of the states in interior West and Central Africa.
- Rulers continued to use **religious ideas to legitimize their rule** (*European notions of divine right*)

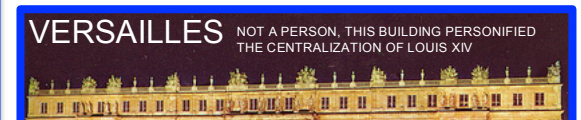
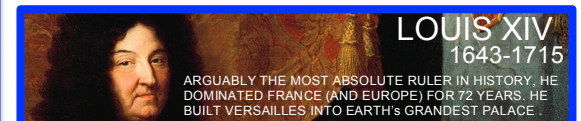
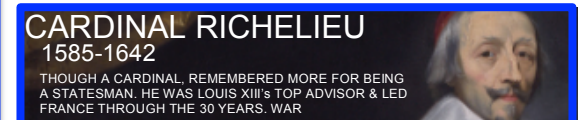
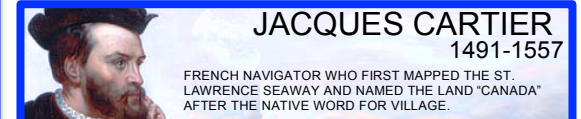
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TIMELINE

THE EARLY MODERN PERIOD IN FRENCH HISTORY IS DOMINATED BY A FEW MAJOR EVENTS. IT BEGINS WITH THE END OF THE 100 YEARS WAR. QUICKLY FOLLOWED BY FRENCH EXPLORATION AND THE WARS OF RELIGION IN MAINLAND EUROPE (FRENCH WARS OF RELIGION & 30 YEARS WAR). WARS WITH OTHER EUROPEAN POWERS (HRE, BRITAIN, AUSTRIA, etc. ROUND OUT THE 1450-1750 ERA.



PEOPLE TO KNOW



WHAT IS FRANCE?

- **18k BCE:** FRANCE FIRST SHOWS UP IN THE HISTORICAL RECORD IN LASCAUX



- **600 BCE:** MARSEILLE WAS A PHOENICIAN COLONY (1st CITY)
- **125 BCE:** ROME CONQUERS THE REGION NOW KNOWN AS "GAUL"
- **400 CE:** GERMANIC INVASIONS TAKE GAUL FROM ROME
- **498 CE:** CLOVIS BECOMES FIRST GERMANIC TO CONVERT TO CHRIST.
- **"ELDEST DAUGHTER OF THE CHURCH"**
- **732 CE:** CHARLES MARTEL DEFEATS THE Umayyads @ THE BATTLE OF TOURS
- **800 CE:** CHARLEMAGNE BECOMES HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR
- **840-987 CE:** FEUDALISM REIGNED/VIKINGS INVADED
- **987 CE:** HUGH CAPET CROWNED KING OF FRANCE (HIS DESCENDENTS RULE UNTIL THE FRENCH REVOLUTION IN 1789)
- **1337 CE:** 100 YEARS WAR BETWEEN FRANCE AND ENGLAND TAKES US UP TO THE EARLY MODERN ERA... FRANCE WINS

(FRANCE IS BY FAR THE **LEAST** IMPORTANT OF THE EMPIRES: MARITIME or LAND-BASED. YOU WILL SEE THAT THEY DON'T TAKE MUCH LAND AND MOST OF WHAT THEY TAKE IS LOST. DON'T FEEL BAD FOR FRANCE. THEY ARE ONE OF THE TOP COUNTRIES WITHIN EUROPE IN THIS ERA. THEY ARE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN ALL EUROPEAN AFFAIRS. IN THE NEXT TWO ERAS: **MODERN (1700 CE - 1900 CE)** & **CONTEMPORARY (1900 CE - PRESENT)** FRANCE WILL PLAY A DOMINATING ROLE FROM THE ENLIGHTENMENT & FRENCH REVOLUTIONS THROUGH COLONIZATION AND THE WORLD WARS... DON'T SPEND TOO MUCH TIME HERE. FOR THE MARITIME EMPIRES, FOCUS ON THE EARLY TWO: SPAIN & PORTUGAL AND THE LATER TWO: BRITAIN & DUTCH...)

FRANCE IN THE AGE OF EXPLORATION



- FRANCE WAS LATE TO THE EXPLORATION GAME (1524)
- (NEARLY A CENTURY AFTER PORTUGAL)
- KING FRANCIS SENT VARRAZZANO TO EXPLORE ATLANTIC COAST
- ITALIAN-BORN VARRAZZANO WAS THE 1st EURO SINCE LEIF
- **GOAL:** SEEKING A SEA ROUTE TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN (SIMILAR TO COLUMBUS)
- **CITIES FOUNDED:** QUEBEC, MONTREAL, DETROIT, ST. LOUIS, NEW ORLEANS, BATON ROUGE, PORT-AU-PRINCE



CARTIER EXPLORES CANADA

- ONLY FRENCH EXPLORER OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE
- THREE VOYAGES BEGINNING IN 1534
- NEWFOUNDLAND/ST. LAWRENCE
- NAMED "CANADA"
- MANY UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS @ COLONIZ.
- **NEW FRANCE:** CANADA + LOUISIANA

ST. DOMINIQUE: PEARL OF THE ANTILLES

- SPAIN FOCUSED EFFORTS ON MAINLAND
- BECAME A HAVEN FOR PIRACY
- LOUIS XIV TOOK WESTERN HALF (1665)
- SUGAR PLANTATION WITH SLAVE LABOR
- MOST PROSPEROUS COLONY IN CARIBBEAN



FREEMAN-PEDIA

MEANWHILE, BACK IN FRANCE...

THE 30 YEARS WAR



- AFTER LUTHER'S EXCOMMUNICATION, HE RETURNED TO THE GERMANIC STATES
- TWO SIDES:
- **CATHOLICS: HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE, SPAIN**
- **PROTESTANTS: DUTCH, OTTOMANS, FRENCH, PRUSSIA**
- RELIGIOUS & POLITICAL REASONS LED TO WAR
 - CATHOLICS, LUTHERANS, CALVINISTS, ETC
 - GREATEST OF THE EUROPEAN RELIGIOUS WARS
- TAKE A LOOK AT THE BELLIGERENTS...
 - FRANCE... PROTESTANT?!? WAIT...
 - BEGAN AS A RELIGIOUS WAR...
 - ENDED AS A POLITICAL WAR FOR TERRITORY
- **COMPETITION (STATE RIVALRIES) PROVIDED SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES TO STATE CONSOLIDATION & EXPANSION**

LIST OF DEADLIEST CONFLICTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE PLANET

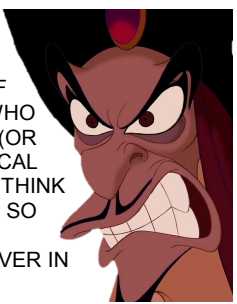
1.	WWII	70 MILLION
2.	AN LUSHAN REBELLION	33 MILLION
3.	MONGOL CONQUESTS	30 MILLION
4.	MANCHU CONQUEST OF MING CHINA	25 MILLION
5.	TAIPING REBELLION	20 MILLION
6.	WWI	15 MILLION
7.	TAMERLANE'S CONQUESTS	15 MILLION
8.	DUNGAN REVOLT (CHINA)	12 MILLION
9.	RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR	5 MILLION
10.	SECOND CONGO WAR	3.8 MILLION
11.	NAPOLEONIC WARS	3.5 MILLION
12.	THIRTY YEARS WAR	3 MILLION

Cardinal Richelieu

- EARTH'S FIRST PRIME MINISTER*
- GAVE BIRTH TO THE MODERN FRENCH STATE
- CAME TO POWER AS LOUIS XIII CHIEF MINISTER

- OVERSAW THE TRANSITION FROM FEUDAL TO CENTRALIZED STATE
- JOINED AGAINST THE CATHOLICS TO COUNTER THE SPANISH HAPSBURGS

***KEEPING IT REAL:** THIS IS A TITLE OR NICKNAME THAT COMES FROM EUROPEANS. THERE HAVE BEEN PLENTY OF OTHER RULERS IN HISTORY WHO HAVE BEEN PRIME MINISTER (OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE/TOP POLITICAL ADVISOR). EUROPE LIKES TO THINK THEY DID EVERYTHING FIRST, SO JUST PLAY ALONG. EVERY ABBASID VIZIER IS ROLLING OVER IN HIS GRAVE RIGHT NOW...



MORE THAN ANY OTHER PLACE DURING THIS ERA, FRANCE IS DEFINED BY ONE MAN:

LOUIS XIV



(1638-1715)

“L'ETAT C'EST MOI.”

- ARGUABLY THE MOST POWERFUL EUROPEAN KING IN HISTORY
- PERSONIFIED DIVINE RIGHT (SEE BELOW)
- LONGEST REIGNING MONARCH IN EUROPEAN HISTORY (72 YEARS)
- ELIMINATED THE LAST BITS OF FRENCH FEUDALISM
- CENTRALIZED FRANCE AROUND HIMSELF AT VERSAILLES



WARS OF LOUIS XIV

NEARLY CONSTANTLY AT WAR, HERE ARE THREE OF HIS BIGGEST FIGHTS

FRANCO DUTCH WAR

(1672-1678)

WAR FOUGHT WITH TRADING RIVAL FOR CONTROL OF SPANISH LANDS THERE.

WINNER: FRANCE

9 YEARS WAR

(1688-1697)

FRANCE FOUGHT EVERYONE (DUTCH, ENGL, HRE, SPAIN) OVER EXPANDING BORDERS

WINNER: DRAW

WAR of SP. SUCCESSION

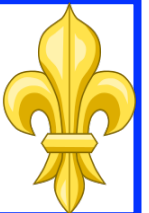
(1688-1697)

FIGHT OVER WOULD BE THE KING OF SPAIN. LOUIS' GRANDSON BECAME KING OF SPAIN.

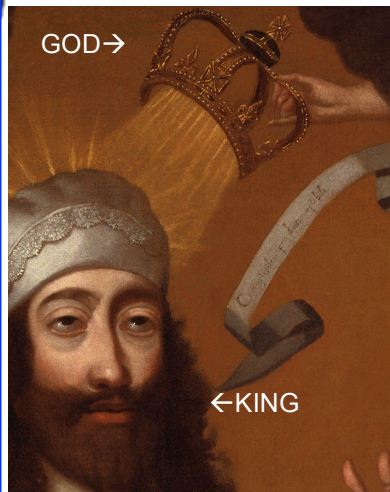
WINNER: FRANCE

CENTRALIZATION UNDER LOUIS XIV

- BROKE TRADITION BY RULING WITHOUT A CHIEF MINISTER
- BROUGHT FOREIGN ARTISANS TO FRANCE (Ex. Dutch Shipbuilders)
- PASSED *CODE LOUIS* (One set of laws for France; basis of Napoleonic Code)
- NOBILITY HAD TO LIVE AT VERSAILLES TO GAIN PRIVILEGE
- BANNED PRIVATE ARMIES; ENDING CIVIL WARS UNTIL 1789



GOD→



←KING

DIVINE RIGHT of KINGS

- KINGS CLAIM TO DERIVE THEIR POWER DIRECTLY FROM GOD
- THERE IS NO AUTHORITY ON EARTH THAT IS ABOVE THEM
- ANY ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THEM IS GOING AGAINST GOD
- GOD GAVE THE KING POLITICAL
- GOD GAVE POPE THE RELIGIOUS
- LASTS THROUGHOUT MEDIEVAL EUROPE INTO THE EARLY MODER.
- THEORY ENDS IN:
 - **ENGLAND:** Glorious Rev. (1689)
 - **USA:** American Revolution (1776)
 - **FRANCE:** French Rev (1789)

VERSAILLES

- 1746

